

Applicants submit that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful.
Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In The Claims

Claims 1, 5, 12, 16, 21, and 23-26 have been amended as set forth below.

1. (Amended) A method for deriving a dynamic grammar from a set of pre-stored reference identifiers, comprising:

- a) generating a plurality of selection identifiers;
- b) comparing the plurality of selection identifiers with the set of pre-stored reference identifiers to determine which selection identifiers are present in the set of pre-stored reference identifiers; and
- c) deriving the dynamic grammar by selecting the dynamic grammar as comprising data elements that are associated with those pre-stored reference identifiers that match any one of the selection identifiers.

5. (Amended) A method for accessing a selected one of a plurality of pre-stored reference identifiers, each pre-stored reference identifier being associated with at least one data element, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) generating a plurality of selection identifiers;
- b) determining those pre-stored reference identifiers that match any one of the selection identifiers;
- c) creating a data element subset comprising at least one data element associated with those pre-stored reference identifiers that match any of the selection identifiers; and
- d) selecting one of the pre-stored reference identifiers that matches any of the selection identifiers on the basis of the at least one data element associated with the selected pre-stored reference identifier.

12. (Amended) An apparatus for deriving a dynamic grammar from a set of pre-stored reference identifiers, comprising:

- a) means for generating a plurality of selection identifiers;
- b) means for comparing the plurality of selection identifiers with the set of pre-stored reference identifiers to determine which selection identifiers are present in the set of pre-stored reference identifiers; and

includes means for transferring the subset of data elements from the first memory to the second memory.

24. (Amended) An apparatus for responding to at least one vocal input from a user, comprising:

- a speech recognizing device for producing a predetermined identifier in response to the vocal input;

- a processing device having an input for receiving the predetermined identifier from an output of the speech recognizer;

- at least one memory coupled to the processing device and including at least one pre-stored reference identifier having a predetermined relationship to the predetermined identifier; and

- means for providing the user with access to the pre-stored reference identifier having the predetermined relationship to the predetermined identifier.

25. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein each pre-stored reference identifier includes at least one data element associated therewith, and wherein the predetermined relationship exists between at least a portion of the predetermined identifier and the data element of the reference identifier provided by the means for providing.

26. (Amended) An apparatus for responding to at least one vocal input from a user, comprising:

- a processing device;

- a speech recognizer having an input for receiving the vocal input and an output in communication with the processing device;

- a pre-stored reference identifier database in communication with the processing device;

- a pre-stored reference identifier selection module in communication with the processing device; and

- a dynamic grammar memory in communication with the processing device.